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Gladys Carrión, Esq.
Commissioner
New York State Office of Children and Family Services
52 Washington Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Dear Ms. Carrión:

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) acknowledges your submission via RSA's management information system (MIS) of the fiscal year (FY) 2012 State Plan for the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services Program and Supplement for the Supported Employment (SE) Services Program in the form of a preprint of affirmative assurances and required attachments on behalf of New York Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH) in compliance with Sections 101(a) and 625 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended (the act). In addition, RSA acknowledges receipt of the assurance of compliance submitted in conjunction with the State Plan on September 9, 2011.

The State Plan, in the form of a preprint of affirmative assurances and all required attachments, and the assurance of compliance were reviewed to ensure conformity with statutory provisions of the act, implementing regulations and the administrative requirements of RSA. RSA approves the CBVH State Plan for the VR and SE programs based on the submitted preprint of affirmative assurances, required attachments and the assurance of compliance submitted in conjunction with the State Plan on June 17, 2011.

In accordance with this approval of these State Plan updates and the accompanying assurance, RSA is making available to New York its fiscal year (FY) 2012 Title I, Part B, and Title VI, Part B, grant awards. Please be advised that RSA will closely monitor CBVH's activities in support of the assurance it has made. As a component of that monitoring, RSA may request that CBVH provide periodic updates on the status of these activities.

The approved FY 2012 CBVH State Plan will be published by RSA and available to the general public on RSA's MIS by Monday, October 3, 2011. Individuals who wish to read the State Plan at that time may visit http://rsamis.ed.gov/view_info.cfm, select the appropriate state, search for "VR State Plan" and select "View the VR State Plan."

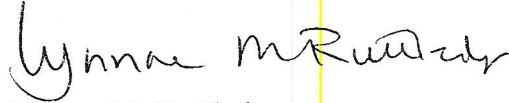
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If you have any questions about this letter, please contact your state liaison, Joe Pepin, at (202) 245-7598 or Joe.Pepin@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lynnae M. Ruttledge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and a stylized "M".

Lynnae M. Ruttledge
Commissioner

cc: Brian Daniels
Joe Pepin